

**Synopsis of Practices and Strategies to Improve Unemployment Insurance Program Integrity  
from the April 4, 2012 House UI Fraud Task Force Meeting**

- Increase the penalties for fraud
  - criminal, civil, fines, and disqualification from benefits
- Increase use of withholding of benefits to collect overpayments
  - NC has 50% limit for non-fraud overpayments; most states have 100%
- Extend the period during which overpayments may be collected, fraud identified, and prosecuted
  - Could be unlimited in statute but limited in departmental policy
- Eliminate unnecessary waiver provisions
- Increase messaging campaigns
  - USDOL conducting these; has materials available
- Increase the public profile of fraud prosecutions and penalties
  - Get it in the newspapers
- Bolster enforcement of able, available, and actively seeking work requirements
  - Weekly certification
  - Detect foreign IP addresses; other strategies for electronic fraud detection
- Utilize SIDES (State Information Data Exchange System)
  - USDOL has marketing and messaging tools available to get employers to use it
- Dedicate staffing and systems resources to use information effectively. Target as necessary to maximize recovery.
  - May need additional administration funds – from feds or supplement with State money
- Increase detection and enforcement of SUTA dumping
- Increase detection and enforcement of mistakenly classifying workers as non-employees
- Work with employers to exchange information electronically to identify issues, overpayments, and prosecute fraud.
  - Follow up with results of fraud cases
- Incorporate improved integrity into SCUBI design
- Apply for USDOL FY 2012 supplemental funding
  - Funding for state-specific strategies to reduce improper payments
- Improve staff training
- Enhance performance measures
  - Focus on effective integrity in addition to USDOL performance measures
  - Evaluate in terms of integrity of the standards themselves
  - Use continuous improvement evaluations
  - Regularly adjust systems and procedures to identify fraud and overpayments
- Participate in the Treasury Offset Program
  - USDOL has funding available to assist states
- Increase number and use of cross-match tools
  - National New Hire Directory
  - Prisons/correction records
  - Revenue/tax records
  - Death records
  - Other states databases